

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the line on page 6, line 1 of the Specification with the following:

Figure 3A shows a control circuit having a back-up battery and Figure 3B shows a control circuit having a capacitor,

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 20 to 31 of the Specification with the following:

An alternative implementation is shown as the circuit 21A in FIG. 3A. Here a back-up battery 22A is provided for supplying power to the control circuit 5 during the off state of the load. In this way the "on" switch 16 in parallel to the controlled switch can be avoided and a normal "on" switch 6 can be used similar to FIG. 1, because the control circuit is ready to detect the operation of the "on" switch 6 even during the off periods of the load. The current drawn by the control circuit 5 in the off state is very small, and thus the backup battery 22A can be a very small battery, i.e. a battery having a small capacity. As seen in Figure 3B, the power source can be capacitor 22B which is charged during the on periods. FIGS. 3A and 3B also show that an example of the load can be a mobile telephone 23. As mentioned above, the load can also represent other types of electronic devices, such as computers or camcorders.